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A year ago Cooper, a member of Princeton University's Class of 1943 and the recipient of a B.A. from Columbia last June, brought forth his first novel, "The Gesture," an account of the collapse of morale in an England-based bomber outfit during a punishing phase of the Allied air offensive. Cooper took the critics by storm. Time devoted a full page to his disturbing "heroes," literary supplements gave him an encouraging ride.

However, the recent accolade, labeling Cooper as a man to watch and Cobb a name to remember, is significant in that it was tendered on the basis of rare promise without regard to best-seller listings. When Cooper, whose father is an authority on aviation and a member of the Institute for Advanced Study, states, "I wrote about the only thing I knew," he is speaking in many respects for his generation, a generation still concerned about what it absorbed in time of war and yet uncertain as how to apply that knowledge in time of peace.

Like countless others, Cooper interrupted his college studies to serve with the Armed Forces. As a navigator with the Eighth Air Force he earned the DFC and other awards, instructed in Combat Crew Replacement Centers and later flew with the ATC over Africa, India and the Western Pacific. He returned to civilian life in 1945 and wrote "The Gesture" in retrospect—while finishing his education on the GI Bill at Columbia.

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Political Pieces. With a fortnight to go, the political scene was a jigsaw puzzle at the local, county and State levels. Candidates in both parties had until March 10 to file for nomination and it was apparent that right up to the deadline each side would be assembling the pieces to complete the picture.

Here in Mercer, Republicans and Democrats could count, in February, anyway, on what appeared to be a standoff in the upper echelons. New Jersey had gone heavily for Dewey and Hendrickson last Fall. Governor Driscoll, his intra-party fences mended, had not made his long-awaited decision by mid-week but seemed set to run again. With a good record behind him as opposed to a somewhat split Democratic organization and opposition from a candidate (Elmer Wene) who had only promises to offer, Driscoll looked like a good bet.

But at the county level, the G.O.P. was on its back looking up. Having lost throughout Mercer in 1948, it would meet in April to plan a comeback gauged to win at least some of the seats in the legislature and on the freeholder board that fall vacant this year. First step would be to elect a county chairman to replace William S. Borden, who resigned after last year's sweep by the opposition.

Here in Princeton, Townshippers heard that they would have a Republican primary race between Committeeman John A. Stewart (who came up via that route in 1947) and John H. Wallace, Jr. In the Borough, the G.O.P. was sure of Councilman George R. Griffing, who cast aside plans not to seek reelection. What Council President J. Dayton Voorhees and Mayor Charles R. Erdman, Jr., whose terms also expire, would do was not yet known, but neither apparently was a certainty to run again. If Mayor Erdman did not, it was a certainty that a "draft Griffing" move would follow immediately.

The Democrats announced plans to run a full slate in each municipality. TOWN TOPICS, one of whose editors is a registered Republican, looked forward with a full measure of anticipation to a lively campaign when Co-Publisher Dan D. Coyle, a registered Democrat, was tapped by his party for council. Running with him would be James R. Sloane of Stanworth. The head of the ticket and the Township candidate were to be named shortly—completing the first step in the move to renew the two-party system in Princeton.

What Shortage? Heading for its March 8 showdown on parking meters, the Traffic Committee kept the stove hot with a statement that good policing was providing an adequate turnover in the business

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Running them a close second are the barefoot sandals—like the saddles a good leather-soled model (made of the same last as the B.B. high shoes) and formerly available only down to size fours. They have the traditional toe holes and twin straps, come in the usual red, white and brown, but, again because of their size, are more than usually appealing. Both styles, incidentally, go on up to size eight.

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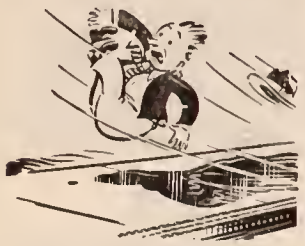

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New Twist. Sportswriters, a clan whose less conservative members are forever struggling to invent new word gadgets, got a beauty to toss around last week. From Toronto, a typewriter-pounder wanted to inform his hockey-minded public that the home team had scored twice while one of its players was in the penalty box. So he wrote: "All the Maple Leafs' scoring came with one man languishing in the sin bin."

Random Notes. Negotiating the 200-yard breaststroke in Navy's pool in 2:16.7, Bob Brawner of the Tiger freshman swimming team last week set a new Princeton record, a new pool record, a new national freshman, national collegiate and American mark. If world's records were still kept for the short 20-yard type of pool, the 19-year-old Lawrenceville alumnus would have had that, too. His performance hettered the time (2:19.8) that Princeton's Dick Hough set in the same tank a decade ago.

Jimmy Reed's wrestlers followed their 14-14 Navy deadlock with a 20-6 whacking of Yale. The improving Nassau matmen ran away with the first five matches (Dave McAlpin getting the only fall of the meet) and leading 17-0 at one time. The Big Three title should come the Tigers' way at Cambridge this weekend.

Baseball candidates report Monday to Emerson Dickman, who has been working with the batterymen for the past two weeks. They'll get cross-country work for leg conditioning, will be on University Field as soon as what appears to be an early-approaching Spring permits. The opener is set for April 2, with a game a day during the vacation week that follows.

Streaks dominate the basketball picture. Winner of five in a row, then loser of five straight since New Year's, the Tigers now are off again with two surprises over Dartmouth and Yale. George Sella's brilliant play in scoring 18 while muffling Lavelli to two field goals held the key to the week's 47-45 thriller. To stay in the race, however, Princeton must top Columbia

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News of the Theatres

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Command Decision (Sun. thru Wed.), which opened as a play in McCarter, appears on the screen with Clark Gable and Walter Pidgeon. It's the story of a desk-bound general who must send scores of British-based bomber crews to almost certain death to destroy factories where the Nazis are building a new type of fighter plane. Well acted, tensely told.

John Loves Mary (Thurs., Fri., Sat.) is a farce about a G.I. who returns to wed his loved one, does a buddy and his English gal a favor by bringing the British lass into the country as his "wife." Meanwhile, the buddy has wed another, and so on. Ronald Reagan, Patricia Neal, Jack Carson in a creaky comic.

THE GARDEN

Louisiana Story (Thurs., Fri., Sat.), the heart-warming story of a boy's adventures in the bayou country, is a beautifully-filmed documentary of a simple life lived well. Story, settings, acting and action combine to make it intriguing for all ages.

Slave Ship (Mon., Tues., Wed.) features Warner Baxter, Wallace Beery, Mickey Rooney in a tale of strife and mutiny on the high seas. A reissue of average entertainment quality.

My Dear Secretary (Thurs., Fri., Sat.) portrays the frustration of an unsuccessful writer whose wife takes a whirl at writing a novel, comes up with a best-seller. Laraine Day, Kirk Douglas, Keenan Wynn in something strictly for slapstick addicts.

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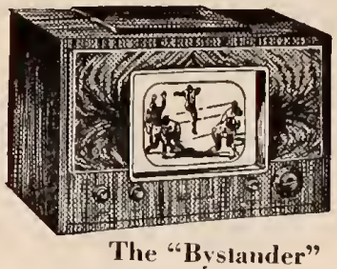

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area; that greater supervision of streets and lots would create an even better situation; and that long-term financing toward municipal ownership might be the main counter suggestion to meters.

The committee apparently not only felt meters would mar the town's beauty but believed as well that no shortage acute enough to warrant them existed. Neither point was admitted by the mayor and council, presaging a debate on difficult intangibles for the March 8 session.

Miscellany. Dick Button, Olympic and world figure skating champion, has been invited to partake in the Princeton Ice Carnival on March 18 and 19, as has Yvonne Sherman, runner-up in the women's division of the international tournament in Paris earlier this month . . . upwards of 4,000 persons are expected to see the colorful event in Baker Rink.

Sons have been born at Princeton Hospital to Mr. & Mrs. George H. Sands, 246 Nassau; Mr. and Mrs. John Rhubart, 100 Leigh; Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Gross, 220-A Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. R. Glen Moon, R.D. 1; daughters to Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Leverenz, 277 Hawthorne; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bastedo, Herrontown Road; Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Boyce, 224-A Harrison; Mr. & Mrs. Earl Marcellious, "Hilltop;" Mr. & Mrs. John Winckler, Mountain Avenue.

Long-standing rumors that a new super market is being considered for the Princeton area were supplemented this week by another report that Woolworth is contemplating a building for an expended 5, 10 & up emporium . . . Community Chest trustees will give serious consideration before the next drive to publishing lists of donors and the size of their gifts . . . Campaign Manager Norvell B. Samuels reports that a majority of the 1,250 persons who contributed less than $5 each weren't giving but merely "paying to get rid of the solicitor" . . . contributions from business and professional groups, while spotted by a few generous donations, were in general "extremely poor," Mr. Samuels reported.

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Ehlers Grade A Coffee	47c lb.
Mott's Strawberry Jelly	16-oz. jar 16c
National Biscuit Shredded Wheat	17c
Waldorf Toilet Tissue	2 for 19c
Marcal Paper Towels	2 for 33c
Crisco	lb. 38c

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

IT'S NEW TO US

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Spruce Knob Belts. We're not sure just what that means, but for purposes of identification we'll give these new belts at The Clothes Line their right name, rather than just saying "New Belts." They're not exactly startlingly new in appearance, but what is different is the combination of quality, good looks and low price that they offer.

There are four styles, all rather appropriately and not-too-coyly named. The "Mity-mite" is a narrow belt which widens in front to provide a background for an attractive brass ornament, costs only $3.95. The "Filly" has the same lines on a bigger scale for $4.95. The "Wave" is, as you might guess, wavy, and has a variety of brass decorations on each wave, which add up to a total of four. You can also have all your brasses similar if you prefer, or another possibility is the "No Trump" motif: a heart, club, spade and diamond in brass. This one is $4.50. Last comes the "Hourglass," a perfectly plain largish belt with a wide and narrow pattern all the way around which, appropriately, resembles the hourglass from which it takes its name —$7.95.

The belts are all entirely hand-tooled of a very good leather, can be ordered with whatever decoration happens to appeal to you, and there are quite a variety of them. All in all, the "Spruce Knobs" look and feel as if they should be priced much higher.

Pakay Hostess Sets. The predecessors of these attractive paper sets have been around for some time, but new and better designs plus new gift-packaging make them worth mentioning. In a decorative gold box there are eight water-proof place mats, 30 luncheon napkins, 30 so-called "beverage" napkins and 32 waterproof coasters.

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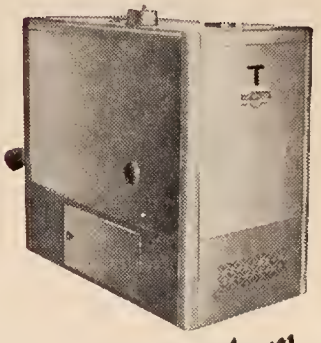

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Calendar of the Week

Saturday, February 26th

3:00 p.m.: Hockey: Princeton vs. Yale; Baker Rink.
7:00 p.m.: Swimming; Princeton vs. Harvard; Dillon Gymnasium Pool.
8:30 p.m.: Basketball: Princeton vs. Army; Dillon Gymnasium

Sunday, February 27th

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 a.m.: Mass, St. Paul's R. C. Church.
10:30 a.m.: "We Too Must Forgive," Rev. Mr. Milton J. Nauss; Lutheran Service; Westminster College Chapel.
"The Supreme Question," Rev. Dr. Frank S. Niles; First Church.
"Not in Darkness But in the Light of Life," Rev. Dr. William L. Tucker; Second Church.
Laymen's Sunday: "Seed in the Wind and Soil," Dr. Porter L. Gaddis; Methodist Church.
"The Kingdom of Father Divine," Professor Hadley Cantril, Princeton University; Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church.
"Unconscious Peril," Rev. Mr. William T. Parker; First Baptist Church.
"Christ Jesus," Lesson-Sermon; First Church of Christ, Scientist.
6:00 p.m.: Canterbury Fellowship Meeting, "Free Will and Determination," Prof. Henry N. Russell, speaker; Proctor Foundation House, 53 University Place.
8:00 p.m.: "The Eloquence of Love," Rev. Dr. Niles; First Church.
"The Negro Doing for Himself," Mr. L. K. Shivery, New Brunswick Urban League; Witherspoon Church.
"A Sure Defense," Rev. Mr. Parker; First Baptist Church.
8:00-10:00 p.m.: Public Skating, Baker Rink.
8:15 p.m.: Evening Service; First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Monday, February 28th

8:15 p.m.: Panel Discussion, "The United States' Security and the North Atlantic Pact;" public meeting sponsored by Princeton League of Women Voters; speakers, William Marvel and others; Miss Fine's School.

Wednesday, March 2d
ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m.: Red Cross house-to-house canvass opens for five-day 1949 campaign; goal, $29,000.
8:00 p.m.: "What His Contemporaries Thought of Jesus," Rev. Dr. Niles; First Church.
Beginning of series of Lenten Services; speaker, Dr. Ira S. Pimm; Methodist Church.
"The Time Is Now," Rev. Mr. Benjamin J. Anderson; Witherspoon Church.
8:15 p.m.: Wednesday Evening Meeting; First Church of Christ, Scientist.
8:30 p.m.: Midweek Service, First Baptist Church.

Friday, March 4th

3:00 p.m.: Opening of Squash Intercollegiates; Dillon Gymnasium. Play to continue Friday evening and throughout Saturday.
8:00 p.m.: Band Concert, Princeton University Band, conducted by M. Donald MacInnis; Alexander Hall, University Campus.
Township Committee budget hearing; Township Hall.

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SPORTS IN SHORT

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in New York Wednesday and then see the Lions beat Yale at New Haven. That's a lot to count on.

The hockey team retains much of the basic will to drive hard for which Dick Vaughan's squads are noted but has been unable to overcome manpower weaknesses that have been aggravated by injuries and ineligibility. Recent losses have been 12-2 against Dartmouth, 5-3 to Harvard and 6-1 against Yale Tuesday night. The Elis will be here for a return bout Saturday.

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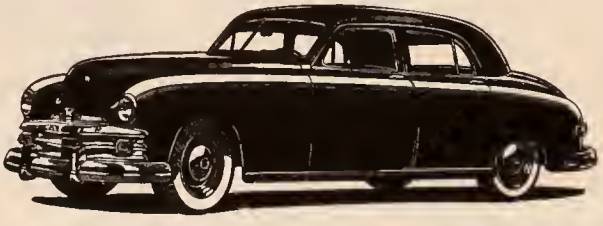
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